

SHB 1366 - H AMD 417

By Representative Hinkle

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that:

4 (a) Pregnancy resource centers serve a vital purpose throughout  
5 the state and provide nearly fifteen million dollars of free services  
6 every year to pregnant women facing difficult choices;

7 (b) Pregnancy resource centers are mostly faith-based and operate  
8 with a core mission focused on preserving the life of the unborn  
9 child;

10 (c) As equal players in the marketplace of ideas, pregnancy  
11 resource centers are protected from unnecessary government intrusion  
12 by the constitutions of the United States and the state of Washington;

13 (d) Pregnancy resource centers often offer free counseling, free  
14 pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, and free wraparound services that  
15 help support women who choose to carry their babies to term;

16 (e) Pregnancy resource centers are under attack by ideological  
17 opponents seeking to silence the centers' countering viewpoint; and

18 (f) Opponents of pregnancy resource centers often refer to the  
19 centers as limited service pregnancy centers and want to litigate them  
20 out of business.

21 (2) It is the intent of the legislature to:

22 (a) Protect pregnancy resource centers from further harassment;

23 (b) Promote the continued operation of pregnancy resource centers  
24 in the state, free from overbearing state intrusion and unequal  
25 treatment geared toward silencing their contribution to the  
26 marketplace of ideas; and

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1 (c) Properly refer to pregnancy resource centers as such, and not  
2 refer to them as limited service pregnancy centers.

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4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A pregnancy resource center is allowed  
5 to operate in this state and must follow all applicable federal and  
6 state laws.

7 (2) As used in this section, "pregnancy resource center" means an  
8 organization that offers free pregnancy-related services and  
9 information about adoption or abortion, but does not provide any of  
10 the following: Comprehensive birth control services, abortion, or  
11 referral for abortion."

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13 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Deletes the provisions of the underlying bill.

Adds (1) legislative findings, (2) a section declaring legislative intent to protect, promote, and properly refer to pregnancy resource centers, and (3) a section authorizing pregnancy resource centers to operate in this state and requiring that they follow all applicable federal and state laws.

Defines "pregnancy resource center" as an organization that offers free pregnancy-related services and information about adoption or abortion, but does not provide comprehensive birth control or abortion services.

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